

Project Utopia

- Assignment week 3 -

Utopia would ultimately be a place of near-happiness. Now I say near happiness because this is the only state in which we can truly be happy. This may seem like paradox but when you think about it then it makes a lot of sense. People are programmed to be relative to their environment, both emotional and physical. So if there are a lot of positive/happy things in ones environment then a person itself will be happy by that programming. However, as a survival legacy, people need challenges in order to improve themselves. Too little challenge, as would be in a perfect-happiness environment, will result in a sense of un-fulfillment in a person. This, of course, strays more away from happiness then drives towards it, hence the near-happiness state.

So what would be entailed in this idea of the 'near-happiness' environment? In my opinion the happiness we experience is the sum of all semimetal events multiplied by the importance of the trigger. To clarify, if one experiences a bad car accident then this is, by far, outweighs the happiness one can obtain by finding back the car keys that morning. So in finding a state of near-happiness we must have an environment that has a lot of important 'positive events' and minor 'negative events'.

Positive events would categorize the events people do not actually need but like to have. These are things people select in the perspective of a 'polished world' when talking about a utopia. These are things like being adored by thousands of fans or maybe having a third arm to high-five people, who knows. Most of the wishes in this category are purely luxurious and do not fall into actual needs of people but more in 'desires'.

Negative events would categorize the main things people experience as being bad in this world. These are the things that people mention when they talk about a utopia in the perspective of a 'corrected world'. People would have the goals, resources and rights. There would be no hunger, fights for dominance, pain or anger. Our surrounding, perhaps computers, would aid us (or completely overtake them) in tasks we are reluctant to do. Finally, probably most important, our environment needs to be stable since changes in our environment triggers instinctive fear-reflexes. There are things we would like to correct in our current environment.